



# Chancellor's Report

Chancellor John Pugh

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September 2009 Meeting

## Kristy Smith Steps in as Interim Career Education Dean

The University of Alaska Southeast School of Career Education announces that Dr. Kristy Smith has been named the Interim Associate Dean. Dr. Smith is honored to have been offered the opportunity to provide leadership for the academic programs in Career Education after the departure of Dr. Karen Schmitt who left this month to become the Dean of the Community & Technical College at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Dr. Smith worked for the School of Career Education as the Administrative Manager for three years. After a short break from UAS, Kristy is honored to have been offered the opportunity to come back and work with the faculty and staff at Career Education. Kristy holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration, Management degree from the University of Alaska Southeast; a Master's of Business Administration, Project Management degree from Jones International University; and a Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership degree from the University of Phoenix. Professionally, Kristy is very interested in field of leadership within the virtual team environment, having completed two degrees in online programs and has worked in a virtual environment as a consultant. Kristy's dissertation focused on preparing students to take on the leadership role, studying the student's perception of preparation. Kristy has worked in a variety of fields including law, health, environment, and higher education administration. Kristy has recently begun teaching to share her broad based work education and to participate in continual learning. Her belief is that both student and teacher benefit from each other in the pursuit of continual learning. Kristy is looking forward



*Kristy Smith steps in as Interim*

to the year ahead and the great opportunities awaiting UAS. August 30, 2009, Dr. Karen R. Schmitt took over as dean of UAA's Community and Technical College (CTC).

## Ivanova Presented with Major Award

Assistant Professor of Management, **Yuliya Ivanova, PhD.**, joined a distinguished group this summer as the co-winner of the 2009 Carolyn Dextor Award from the Public and Non-Profit Division of the Academy of Management for her paper entitled "The Role of Social Capital and Donor Commitment in a Geographically Isolated Community."

The award was presented to Ivanova and Joan Winn at the annual business meeting at the Academy of Management Conference in Chicago, Illinois on Monday, August 10th. The Carolyn Dexter Award is an all-Academy award given to the single paper that best meets the objective of internationalizing the Academy. The paper is rigorously evaluated by the sponsoring International Theme Committee using the following criteria:

The theme and content of the paper should reflect an awareness of business and management outside domestic boundaries.

Collaboration between scholars from different countries is desirable.

Papers are considered for the Carolyn Dexter Award if they offer new insights, are rich in observation, and employ creative methodologies. Submissions are welcomed of topics or methods that are not in the U.S. mainstream, but are important in other countries' research traditions and are of excellent quality in accord with the criteria of these traditions.



*Dr. Yuliya Ivanova*

## Pugh Named Board Chair of COSEE Alaska

Chancellor John Pugh has been named chair of the Advisory Board of Directors for COSEE Alaska (coseealaska.net). The Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence is a national initiative funded by the National Science Foundation. The COSEE mission is to serve as a bridge between ocean science researchers and educators and as a catalyst for marine science education. COSEE is working closely with ocean scientists, educators and coastal community members to:

- Weave

Link scientists, educators and coastal communities in Alaska and nationwide with emphasis on ocean climate change.

- Bridge

Communicate western science and traditional knowledge about ocean climate change to Alaska and the nation.

- Invite

Increase participation in ocean sciences by underrepresented and under-served audiences.

- Pathfind

Provide tools and services to ocean scientists for effective outreach with focus on ocean climate change literacy.

- Share

Enhance teacher capabilities for incorporating ocean climate change and place-based knowledge into curricula.

## New Director of Student Services: Jesse Grant

**Dr. Jessie L. Grant** joined the UAS community as the Director of Student Services in July. Grant replaces Tish Griffin Satre, who retired after more than two decades at UAS. Jessie has worked in higher education as a student affairs professional since 1989.

For the previous two years, Jessie worked at Western Michigan University, most recently as the ALPHA Program Coordinator and previously in the positions of Research Assistant and Compliance Officer for the Office of Institutional Equity.

Before his Western Michigan experience Jessie worked at Aquinas College for two years as the Director of Campus Life. He is a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the American College Personnel Association.

He holds a BS in Sociology from Kent State University and a master's degree in Counselor Education from the University of Iowa, where he served as a TRIO Student Services Counselor and Program Assistant for the Opportunity at Iowa program.

Dr. Grant received his doctorate from Western Michigan University Higher Education & Leadership program, where his research was on administrator job satisfaction and mid-level managers' socialization.

"I would like for students at UAS to thrive in an environment of robust collegiate spirit encouraged by deliberate collaborations between Academic and Student Affairs programming," said Grant.



*Dr. Jessie L. Grant*

October 2 UAS faculty Robin Walz presents "Rogue Cops, Elegant Criminals, and the Popular French Crime Novel" in the Egan Lecture Hall. His talk is preceded by a pre-lecture Bookstore by the Bay event 4:30-6:30 p.m. Several of Walz' books on the history of popular culture in modern France will be available. **Ceramics faculty Jeremy Kane will speak about his artwork and influences in "15 Years of Clay" October 23, Egan Lecture Hall. The Bookstore by the Bay will host another First Friday event on November 6.** UAS ceramics students and art students Anna Satre and Marisa McConkie will display and sell their art. That evening's **Egan Library speaker is current Audubon Alaska Director of Bird Conservation Matt Kirchoff (Nov. 6).** The former UAS faculty member will present a peek into the daily life of the murrelet, both above and below the surface in Glacier Bay.

**October 9 in the Egan Library, author, academic and activist Riki Ott shares the long ranging effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill two decades later in her talk, "Not One Drop: Why it is Not Okay to Drill, Drill, Drill."** All Evening at Egan events are scheduled for either the Egan Library or Lecture Hall depending on the crowd expected. For locations, complete list and descriptions, please see event calendar on the UAS Juneau homepage: [www.uas.alaska.edu](http://www.uas.alaska.edu)

## New Faculty's Poem Featured on The Writer's Almanac

**Jennifer Vernon**, new Assistant Professor of Communication, had her poem "Blackberry Pie," from her book of poetry *Rock Candy*, read by Garrison Keillor on the August 25, 2009 edition of The Writer's Almanac, a daily feature on A Juneau Afternoon on KTOO-FM public radio. Host Jeff Brown interviewed Vernon just prior to the broadcast. You can read "Blackberry Pie" online at <http://writersalmanac.publicradio.org>.

## Evening at Egan 2009

**September 18–November 20, 7 p.m.**

**New this year: Bookstore events 4:30–6:30 p.m. in October and November**

This Fall's Friday night Evening at Egan series has an array of intriguing presentations that should appeal to the varied interests of the UAS community and the public. Topics range from U.S. foreign policy in Afghanistan to international deep sea video to predator control in Alaska.

**Fish art favorite Ray Troll kicked off the series and featured his latest works September 18 with "Further Adventures in Scientific Surrealism" at 7 p.m. in the Egan Library.** Prior to his talk, Troll was the guest of honor at a reception hosted by Alumni and Friends to raise awareness about the Eagle Totem Pole Campaign. Troll also unveiled his well anticipated commissioned mural Deep Forest.

## Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center



*August 13, 2009 MOU Signing. L to R: Mike Sfraga, Director, Geography Program, Univ. of Alaska (signing for Brian Rogers, Chancellor, Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks Campus); Bov Eav, Director, USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station; John Pugh, Chancellor, Univ. of Alaska, Southeast Campus; Denny Bschor, Regional Forester, USFS Alaska Region; Bruce Botehlo, Mayor, City of Juneau; Bill Hanson, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife (signing for Geoffrey Haskett, Regional Director, Alaska Region, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)*